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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

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1. SUMMARY - EMBOFFS DISCUSSED 29TH UNGA ISSUES WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOHN SCOTT ON SEPTEMBER 11. GNZ IS GENERALLY IN LINE WITH US POSITION ON MOST ISSUES EXCEPT PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES (GNZ WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION DEMANDING SPEEDIER DECOLONIZATION), MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES (WHICH THE GNZ FEARS) AND STEMROLLER TACTICS (GNZ HAS STRONG BELIEF IN UN AS A FORUM FOR LDCS TO EXPRESS THEIR GRIEVANCES). END SUMMARY

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2. DUE TO DEATH OF PRIME MINISTER KIRK EMBASSY WAS UNABLE

DISCUSS 29TH UNGA ISSUES WITH GNZ UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11 WHEN DCM AND POLITICAL OFFICER MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOHN SCOTT. SCOTT IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON UN MATTERS HAVING LAST SERVED AS NZ PERMANENT REP IN NEW YORK. HE ISSUED ONE CAVEAT NOTING THAT HE WAS ENUNCIATING THE NEW ZEALAND POSITION AS DEVELOPED UNDER THE LATE PRIME MIF STER KIRK. HE EXPECTED PRIME MINISTER (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) ROWLING TO CONTINUE THE FOREIGN POLICY LINES THAT KIRK HAD ESTABLISHED BUT ALLOWED THAT SOME CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS COULD OCCUR.

3. KHMER REPRESENTATION- GNZ WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT GKR BUT VIEWS POSSIBILITIES FOR DEFEAT OF GRUNK ON STRAIGHT VOTE AS SLIM. SCOTT SAID NEW ZEALAND WOULD LIKE TO SEE VOTE DEFERRED BUT HAS NO ORIGINAL IDEAS AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE.

4. KOREA - GNZ IS CO-SPONSOJGNG FIRENDLY RESOLUTION. DPRK HAS MADE A NUMBER OF OVERTURES TO GNZ WITH A VIEW TOWARD OBTAINING RECOGNITION BUT GNZ HAS INDICATED THAT TIME IS NOT YET APPROPRIATE.

5. MIDDLE EAST - GNZ WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY LEADING ROLE ON THIS QUESTION BUT WOULD PREFER TO SEE DEBATE DEFERRED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

6. PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES - GNZ GENERALLY AGREES WITH US ASSESSMENT THAT INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES MOVING AHEAD WELL. THAT NOTWITHSTANDING, IF RESOLUTION DEMANDING SPEEDIER DECOLONIZATION WERE PUT FORWARD GNZ WOULD PROBABLY VOTE IN FAVOR OF IT.

7. SOUTH AFRICA - GNZ AGREES THAT EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE DAMAGING TO UN. SCOTT STATED HE THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, AS PRESIDENT OF UNGQN DYAOULD FOLLOW HAMBRO FORMULA SHOULD CREDENTIALS COMITE REPORT BE AMENDED BY UNGA. NEW ZEALAND WOULD NOT SUPPORT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

8. DISARMAMENT - ZONES OF PEACE - GNZ BELIEVES INDIAN
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OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL IS LITTLE MORE THAN SEMANTIC EXERCISE AND WILL REMAIN THAT WAY UNTIL MAJOR POWERS COME TO SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE. MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE SEEN IN MUCH THE SAME LIGHT. GNZ INTENDS TO SOUND OUT SHAH ON HIS PROPOSAL WHEN HE VISITS HERE LATER THIS MONTH. SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING AT END OF SEPTEMBER BUT SCOTT DOUBTS THERE WILL BE ANY

REAL AGREEMENT AS TO WHAT IT SHOULD AND WHAT IT SHOULD NOT BE.

9. STEAMROLLER TACTICS - WHILE GNZ AGREES THAT CONSENSUS RESOLUTIONS SHOULD, IN FACT, REPRESENT A REAL CONSENSUS, IT ALSO BELIEVES THAT UN IS VITAL FORUM FOR LDCS TO EXCUESS THEMSELVES. GN" ALSO FEELS THAT SMALLER DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES SUCH AS NEW ZEALAND SHOULD NOT DISSOCIATE THEMSELVES FROM LDCS BUT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ACT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN LDCS AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWERS.

EMBOFFS INDICATED TO SCOTT THAT WE HOPED GNZ WOULD USE THIS "BRIDGE " POSITION TO MODERATE SOME OF THE EXTREME DEMANDS FROM THE LDCS.

10. CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES - GNZ GENERALLY SUPPORTS US POSITION, BUT HAS ITS OWN OPINIONS CONCERNING MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES. GNZ IS GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT ACTIVITIEEGOF MULTINATIONALS AND WILL PROBABLY OPT FOR MORE RATHER THAN LESS RIGHTS FOR HOST COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO THEM.

11. WORLD CONFERENCES ON FOOD AND POPULATION - GNZ IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT WORLD FOOD SHORTAGES AND SEES NO CLEAR WAY THROUGH NEXT FEW YEARS. SCOTT THOUGHT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE LITTLE EXCEPT TO BRING HOME TO ALL CONCERNED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION. THIS WOULD BE USEFUL IF UNGA COULD THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH CONSIDERED PROGRAM.

12. U.N. DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION (UNDRO) - GNZ POSITION ON UNDRO CLOSELY PARALLELS US POSITION. SCOTT CONFIDENTIAL

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13. SPECIAL FUND FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (MSA) COUNTRIES- GNZ SUPPORTS US POSITION THAT SPECIAL FUND'S TERMS OF SCOTT THOUGHT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE LITTLE EXCEPT TO BRING HOME TO ALL CONCERNED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION. THIS WOULD BE USEFUL IF UNGA COULD THEN MOVE FORWARD WITH CONSIDERED PROGRAM.

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13. SPECIAL FUND FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED (MSA) COUNTRIES- GNZ SUPPORTS US POSITION THAT SPECIAL FUND'S TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD FOCUS ON ASSISTANCE TO MEET IMMEDIATE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS RATHER THAN LONG-TERM AID.

14. PROGRAM OF ACTION - GNZ SEES REAL PROBLEMS WITH PROGRAM OF ACTION AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WILL GET OFF THE GROUND UNLESS IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWERS AND HAS A SIZEABLE ARAB FINANCIAL INPUT. EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH FERTILIZER FUND APPEAR TO BE DEAD.

15. NATURAL RESOURCES -GNZ IS VERY INTERESTED IN NATURAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION AND SCOTT REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY. GNZ WILL OPPOSE ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH LINKAGE BETWEEN COST OF RAW MATERIALS AND COST OF MANUFACTURED ITEMS.

16. UN BUDGET AND OPERATIONS - GNZ FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS ARE DECLINING RAPIDLY AND THIS COUNTRY WILL WANT TO GET THE MOST FOR ITS UN DOLLAR. ALTHOUGH TIME DID NOT ALLOW FOR DISCUSSION OF UN BUDGET AND CONFIDENTIAL

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OPERATIONS, GNZ CAN BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT EVALUATION INITIATIVE AND TO OPPOSE SALARY AND OTHER BUDGET INCREASES.

17. ACTION REQUESTED - DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CABLE DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES RESOLUTION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SCOTT.
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